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Dear Editor:

The Michigan Senate is considering a proposal from the state superintendent and State Board of Education that would implement statewide graduation requirements. The proposal has generated a good deal of commentary from not only the education community, but a lot of students and parents as well. I have appreciated receiving the phone calls and e-mails that have come in to my office.

There are some who feel that Michigan's students are not prepared for higher education and the workforce and these stricter requirements would help them be more successful. Others have shared stories about scheduling problems that the proposal would create. Needless to say, more input and conversation is needed.

Before we move forward, we want to hear from you on any opinions, concerns and suggestions regarding this proposal. Please accept this invitation to attend a public hearing on the proposed requirements on March 3 at Port Huron High School at 3 p.m.

This is not an issue to be taken lightly, and for it to succeed, it must have broad support from all who will be affected.

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